

1 July 17, 2007, which is believed to be within the one month extension period in which to file a
2 response. As a result, a one month extension fee of \$60.00 is included herewith for the one month
3 extension of time for a small entity. If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this
4 a petition therefor.

5 In the Office Action dated June 21, 2006, the Examiner identified two patentably
6 distinct species of the claimed invention, identified as Group I, as set forth in FIGS. 1, 3 and 5, and
7 Group II, as set forth in FIGS. 2, 9 and 10. Pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 121, the Examiner has required
8 Applicant to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits, to which the claims shall be
9 restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. In a response to the Examiner's
10 requirement filed on September 21, 2006, Applicant has elected the species represented by Group I
11 (FIGS. 1, 3 and 5) for prosecution on the merits, without traverse to said selection.

12 In the Notice of Non-Responsive Reply, the Examiner identified the response filed on
13 September 21, 2006 as being non-responsive because the response failed to list all the claims readable
14 upon the elected species. In this response, the Applicant is identifying claims 1-8, 14-35 and 40-45 as
15 being readable on the species identified as Group I, which species was elected by the Applicant for
16 prosecution on the merits. Applicant apologizes for the prior omission.

17 Consideration of the application in light of Applicant's restriction and the attached IDS
18 is requested. Allowance of the subject patent application is respectfully solicited.

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